

Striding for Freedom

From Montgomery to Memphis, Martin Luther King, Jr., courageously stepped out in front, inspiring others to march for human and civil rights. From the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. King gave voice to the dreams and desires of the disadvantaged and downtrodden.

King believed that all people are entitled to basic rights because of their mutual humanness. That principle, combined with his religious traditions and Gandhi's nonviolent protest methods, underscored King's "realistic pacifism" against racial discrimination, poverty, unfair labor practices, and the Vietnam War.



As she did so often, Coretta Scott King joined her husband in leading civil rights marches, like the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march (above and below).

Martin Luther King, Jr., was only 35 years old when he received the Nobel Peace Prize.

I never intend to become adjusted to the evils of segregation...to the moral degeneracy of religious bigotry...to the economic conditions that deprive men of work and food, and to the insanities of militarism.... Martin Luther King, Jr.

